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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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. I INAL DECISION	EDUCATION
: FINAL DECISION	AND ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :	

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 SOC 042

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Amanda M. Rue, L.C.S.W. Kohler, WI 53044

Wisconsin Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examing Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708- 8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examing Board (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Amanda M. Rue, L.C.S.W., (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1984) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a clinical social worker, having license number 7746-123, first issued on April 13, 2011, and current through February 28, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Kohler, Wisconsin 53044.

2. At all times relevant to these proceedings, Licensee was employed as a therapist at a facility in Green Bay, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. The Department received a complaint from the Facility regarding Licensee's attendance issues.

4. An audit completed by the Facility revealed that in 2017 and 2018, Respondent "late cancelled" on clients on numerous occasions. Licensee disputes the Facility audit results performed by the Facility office manager.

5. On December 31, 2018, the Facility issued a written warning to Licensee.

6. Licensee has represented to the Department that she was hospitalized numerous times in 2017 and early 2018 due to health issues.

7. On March 6, 2019, Licensee resigned from the Facility.

8. In resolution of this matter, Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examing Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at their own expense take and successfully complete four (4.0) hours of education on the topic of ethics as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Section or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Section and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Section or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
- b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Section or Department and may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.
- c. The Section's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190 Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264 DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Licensee may also submit this information online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov.

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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By:

A Member of the Section

2/11/2022 Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : AMANDA M. RUE, L.C.S.W., LICENSEE : STIPULATION ORDER0007837

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 SOC 042

Amanda M. Rue, L.C.S.W., (Licensee) and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examing Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

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5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Amanda M. Rue, L.C.S.W., Licensee Kohler, WI 53044 License No. 7746-123

Colleen Meloy, Prosecuting Attorney Department of Safety and Professional Services Division of Legal Services and Compliance P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

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Date

August 4, 2021

Date